THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Improvement of catering services is an on going process. Steps such as centralised cooling, reviewing menus to suite regional taste, professionalisation of catering services through Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) etc. have been taken.

Export of Steel

†*192. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether steel from the country is exported to a number of countries in the world;

(b) if so, to which countries, such exports was made during the last three years, the quantity exported and the value thereof, separately; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some of those countries have discouraged the Indian export, by imposing different kinds of restrictions during the said period; if so, which are those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Quantity and value of exports country-wise is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 195, Annexure No. 17]

(c) The countries that have discouraged Indian exports by imposing different kinds of restrictions are USA, European Union and Canada.

Name Boards at Railway Stations

*193. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any guidelines for displaying name boards at railway stations;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the number of name boards to be displayed, based on the size of the station; and

(c) whether Government would consider the desirability of increasing them for the benefit of passengers, new to the place?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One Principal name board is to be fixed at each end of platform. In case of long platforms, additional secondary name boards at convenient intermediate positions are provided usually at the rate of one for two coaches. At large and suburban stations, tertiary name boards of size smaller than principal/secondary boards are to be provided, such that at least one name board is visible from any compartment of a standing train. These tertiary boards are in lieu of secondary boards.

(c) Existing provisions are considered adequate. However, specific suggestions are welcome.

Doubling of Tirupathi-Katpadi and Renigunta-Guntakul Rail Lines

*194. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target for completion of doubling of Tirupathi-Katpadi and Renigunta-Guntakul rail lines;

(b) whether the budget provision for its completion by 2002-2003 has been made;

(c) whether this work is getting delayed; and

(d) if so, by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (d) Tirupathi-Pakala-Katpadi is a gauge conversion project. The work is targeted for completion during 2002-03. No target date of completion has yet been fixed for doubling of single line sections between Renigunta-Guntakul. The funds during 2002-03 have been proposed as per availability of resources.